

# Recreation Area Directory

## Ouachita National Forest

Arkansas - Oklahoma



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## INTRODUCTION

This Directory will help you enjoy your use of the Ouachita National Forest. It describes and directs you to campgrounds, picnic areas, points of interest, special interest areas, and provides information on the facilities available at each area.

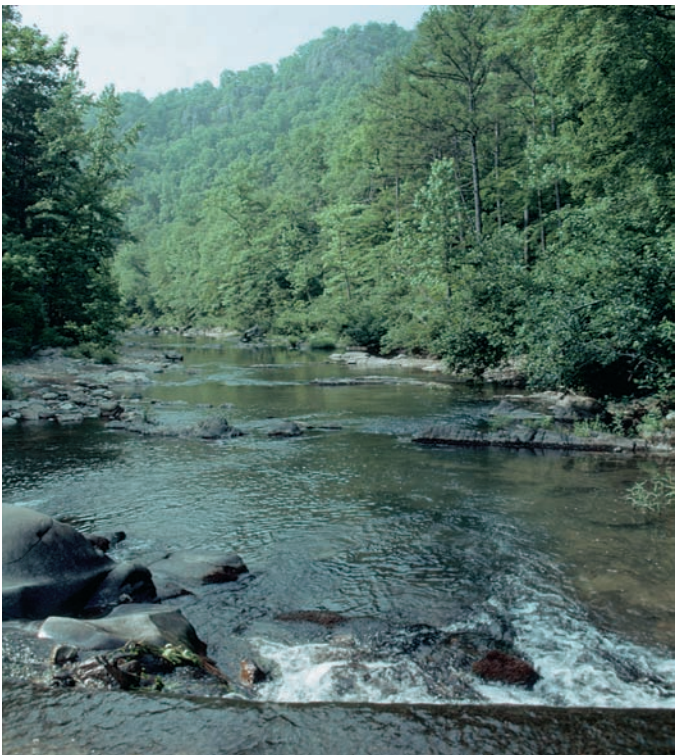
The index summarizes the facilities for each area listed in this Directory.

Forest recreation maps, educational, scientific and interpretive booklets are available for purchase from the interpretive association outlets at most district ranger's offices. Other information is available free of charge to help add to your enjoyment and experience while visiting the Ouachita National Forest.

There are 30 developed recreation areas, 7 scenic areas, 43 vistas, 5 float camps, 11 shooting ranges, 2 historical sites, 6 wildernesses, 1 national recreation area, and 750 miles of trails.

Located in west central Arkansas and southeast Oklahoma, the forest offers visitors a myriad of opportunities for either 1-day trips or extended vacations filled with relaxation and enjoyment.

*Little Missouri River flows through Albert Pike Recreation Area.*



**DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS:** Most of the developed recreation areas are open from April through September. However, selected areas are open year-round to accommodate fall and winter visitors. Contact the appropriate ranger district office (listed on the last page of this directory) before each season for specific information on opening dates.

A fee is charged to use many Federal recreation areas, including some on the national forests. This pay-as-you-go fee system was created through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, passed by Congress in 1965 and the current authority is from the The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. This Act allows the forest to retain 95% of fee revenues. Fees are used for repair, maintenance and facility enhancement, visitor services, habitat restoration, law enforcement, and direct operating expenses. Fees vary based on the type and level of services provided at each area.

**TRAILS:** The trails system includes hiking, off-highway vehicles (OHV's), biking, interpretive, equestrian trails and related facilities. Hiking and interpretive trails range in lengths of less than 1 mile up to the 192 mile Ouachita National Recreation Trail, which traverses the entire forest from west to east. These trails vary in level of difficulty. The most challenging are the primitive trails in wilderness. The easiest are paved interpretive trails such as the Friendship Trail, a fully accessible trail at the Jessieville Visitor Information Center. (Note: Accessible defines a facility or site that complies with Federal standards and can be approached, entered, and used by physically disabled visitors.) Many miles of equestrian trails are available for the enjoyment of horseback riders as well. Some trails are available for a variety of use (horses, mountain bikes, and OHV's), while others are single use. Check with local Forest Service office for information before your trip.

**TRAILHEADS:** There are developed and undeveloped trailheads across the forest to access the trail system and wilderness. Developed trailheads include gravel parking, trail registers, and bulletin boards. Some developed trailheads also include parking to accommodate horse trailers for access to equestrian trails. Undeveloped trailheads consist of unsurfaced parking areas. Camping is not permitted at trailheads.

**SCENIC AREAS:** These areas offer a natural landscape accessible to trails, cross-country travel, or some primitive roads to view the scenic beauty. The seven scenic areas include:

- Beech Creek National Scenic Area and Botanical Area, Hodgen Office, OK (7,500 acres).
- Blowout Mountain, Mena Office, AR (526 acres).

- Crystal Mountain, Caddo and Womble Offices, AR (100 acres).
- Dutch Creek Mountain, Cold Springs and Fourche Offices, AR (624 acres).
- Indian Nationals Scenic and Wildlife Area, Talihina and Hodgen Offices, OK (41,051 acres).
- Irons Fork, Jessieville Office, AR (1,450 acres).
- South Fourche, Jessieville Office, AR (1,495 acres).

**SCENIC BYWAYS:** The Ouachita has two designated national forest scenic byways, Scenic 7 Byway in Arkansas and Talimena Scenic Drive in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Both byways offer you outstanding opportunities to enjoy pleasure driving and scenic viewing.

**SHOOTING RANGES** Eleven shooting ranges are open to the public from sunup to sundown. These ranges provide recreational opportunities and target practice shooting. Regulations are posted at each range located on:

- Caddo Office, AR - Pigeon Roost Shooting Range (accessible)
- Cold Springs Office, AR - Buck Ridge Shooting Range
- Fourche Office, AR - Peeler Gap Shooting Range (accessible)
- Hodgen Office, OK - Kelly Branch Shooting Range
- Jessieville Office, AR - Jessieville Shooting Range
- Mena Office, AR - Acorn Shooting Range
- Mena Office, AR - Oden Shooting Range
- Poteau Office, AR - Brushy Hollow Shooting Range (accessible)
- Talimena Office, OK Kiamichi Shooting Range
- Womble Office - Bear Mountain Shooting Range
- Womble Office - Reed Mountain Shooting Range

**GENERAL:** OHV's and operators must conform to all state laws and forest regulations and contact the local Forest Service office for a copy of the latest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). Trailers and motor homes are permitted in the general forest area and in developed recreation sites. Generally, national forest recreation areas will accommodate trailers up to 22 feet long. Campsites are available for some larger trailers. Call ahead to check with the local ranger district.

Primitive camping is allowed anywhere unless posted otherwise. Permits are not needed for primitive camping. Campfires are allowed without permits unless posted. However, you are responsible for your fire and any wildfire that results from spreading campfire. Remember to leave your campfire "dead out."

The America the Beautiful Senior Pass entitles anyone 62 years of age or older to use recreation facilities at 50 percent of the established camping fee (does not include the fee for hookups). There is a one-time charge of \$10 per pass.

The America the Beautiful Access Pass entitles anyone permanently disabled to use recreation facilities at 50 percent of the established camping fee (does not include the fee for hookups). Please contact the nearest ranger district for additional information or to obtain these passports in person.

An annual vehicle day-use sticker is available for \$25 per year. This sticker admits all passengers in a vehicle to day-use areas for picnicking, swimming, and hiking. Contact your nearest ranger district to purchase stickers.

Hunting is permitted anywhere except within developed recreation areas or otherwise posted sites. All state hunting and fishing regulations, fees, and seasons apply on national forest land. For more information contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, No. 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, (800) 364-4263, [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com), or the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, 1801 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, [www.wildlifedepartment.com](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com).

We hope this directory will increase your awareness of the opportunities that await you. We ask that you also be aware of your responsibilities. Please follow the regulations and always leave the forest cleaner than you found it.

It is the goal of every Forest Service employee to “care for the land, serve people” and be a good “host” while helping you enjoy your visit. Please let us know how you feel about your visit and our management of the recreation opportunities.

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***Note:*** *Most campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Several camping areas, equipped with electric hookups, may be reserved at Cedar Lake Campground (but not the equestrian camp) by calling 1-877-444-6777.*

*For advanced reservations for group activities at Camp Clearfork Recreation Area, contact the Womble Office (AR), (870) 867-2101.*



# RECREATION AREA INDEX

## OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

	Page Number	Map Coordinates	Picnicking	Camping	Trailer Dump Station	Sanitary Facilities	Drinking Water	Hot Showers	Fee Area	Swimming	Boating/Canoeing	Fishing	Shelter	Hiking Trail	On Stream	On Lake
Albert Pike	5	F6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bard Springs	5	E6	●	●		V			●	●			●	●	●	
Big Brushy	10	F5	●	●		V			●					●	●	
Billy Creek	16	B4	●	●		V	●		●				●	●	●	
Camp Clearfork	6	H5	●	●		F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cedar Lake	15	C4	●	●	●	F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Charlton	6	H5	●	●	●	F	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Collier Springs	5	G5	●			V							●		●	
Crystal	5	G6	●	●		V				●			●	●	●	
Dragover	11	G5	●	●		V				●	●	●			●	
Dutch Creek	9	F3	●			V										
Fulton Branch	11	G5	●	●							●	●		●	●	
Fourche Mountain	8	H4	●	●		V										
Horsethief Springs	13	B4	●			V								●		
Iron Springs	7	I4	●			V							●	●	●	
Jack Creek	7	F3	●	●		V				●		●	●	●	●	
Knoppers Ford	7	F3	●	●		V			●	●		●		●	●	
Lake Sylvia	8	J4	●	●	●	F	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●
Little Missouri Falls	9	F6	●			V								●	●	
Little Pines	10	D4	●	●	●	F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Old Military Road	13	B4	●			V							●	●		
Pipe Springs	16	C4	●			V										
Kerr Arboretum	13	C4				F	●							●		
Rich Mountain	12	D5	●			V										
River Bluff	11	G5	●	●		V					●	●		●	●	
Rocky Shoals	11	F5	●	●		V					●	●		●	●	
Shady Lake	5	E6	●	●	●	F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Shirley Creek	11	F5	●	●		V			●		●	●			●	
South Fourche	7	I4	●	●		V	●		●		●	●	●		●	
Winding Stair	16	B4	●	●		V	●	●	●					●		

## WILDERNESS

Black Fork Mountain	18	C4
Caney Creek	19	E6
Dry Creek	19	F3
Flatside	20	I4
Poteau Mtn.	20	D4
Upper Kiamichi River	18	D4

## SCENIC BYWAYS

Scenic 7 Byway	12	I4
Talimena Scenic Drive	12	B4

Sanitary Facilities: Flush (F) and Vault (V) Toilets

\*In June 2010, Albert Pike Recreation Area experienced severe flooding. Contact the Caddo Ranger District for the current status of the area.

## ARKANSAS AREAS

**ALBERT PIKE:** Natural pool in Little Missouri River.

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Take Arkansas Hwy. 84 west of Glenwood, AR; turn north on Arkansas Hwy. 369 at Langley, AR for 6 miles.

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**BARD SPRINGS:** Small scenic stream.

*Camping (17 units), picnic shelter, swimming, accessible vault toilet, hiking trail, 5 ad-iron-dack shelters.*  
*U.S. fee area.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 84 west of Glenwood, AR; turn northwest on Arkansas Hwy. 246 at Athens, AR; turn right (north) on Forest Service Road 38 for 7 miles; turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 106 for 1/2 mile.

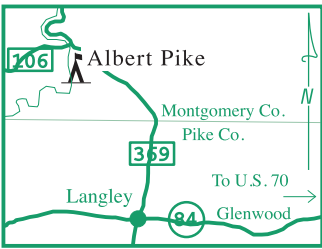
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**COLLIER SPRINGS:** Natural setting at clear-flowing spring.

*Picnicking (1 unit), vault toilet, picnic shelter.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 27 north from Norman, AR for 1 mile; turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 177 for 3 miles.

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**SHADY LAKE:** Scenic 25-acre lake in remote mountain setting.

*Camping (66 units), group facilities, 21 units with electricity, picnic shelter, flush toilets, accessible vault toilet, drinking water, showers, swimming, fishing, hiking, interpretive trail, amphitheater, playground.*  
*No motors allowed on lake.*  
*U.S. fee area.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 84 west of Glenwood, AR; turn northwest on Arkansas Hwy. 246 at Athens, AR; turn right (north) at sign, drive 3 miles on Forest Service Road 38.

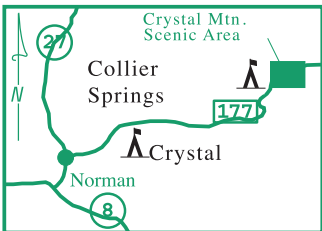
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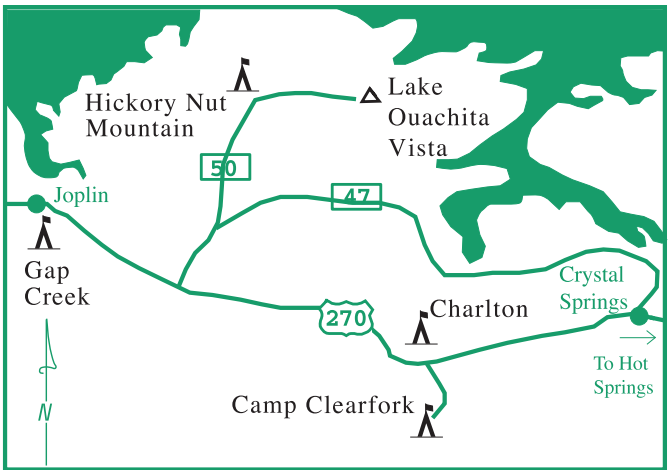
**CRYSTAL:** Attractive wooded site on stream; flowing spring.

*Camping (9 units), picnic shelter, accessible vault toilet, swimming, hiking trail.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 27 north from Norman, AR for 1 mile; turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 177 for 3 miles.

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**CHARLTON:** Wooded area along banks of picturesque Walnut Creek.

*Camping (58 units plus group facilities, 22 units with electric and water hookups, 10 units with electric, water, and sewer hookups), accessible hot showers and flush toilets, swimming, hiking, drinking water, fishing, amphitheater, interpretive trail, playground, and 4 mile hiking trail. All facilities including the amphitheater are first-come, first-served. U.S. fee area.*

Twenty miles west of Hot Springs, AR on U.S. 270.

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**LAKE OUACHITA VISTA:** Scenic view of Lake Ouachita. Take U.S. 270 west from Hot Springs, AR for 22 miles; turn right (north) at sign on Forest Service Road 50 for 3-1/2 miles.

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**CAMP CLEARFORK:** Rustic descendent of the Civilian Conservation Corps days. Small scenic lake. Residential group-use camp available for general public use, family reunions, civic and church groups, scouts, universities, and other large meetings.

*Facilities: Accessible dining hall, staff cabins for 5 to 6 people (3 units 1 accessible), recreation building, flush toilet and showers. Dorm cabins for 10 people (6 units), softball field, swimming, canoeing, accessible fishing pier and 1/2 mile hiking trail. U.S. fee area: 30-day minimum advance reservations; reservation fee (nonrefundable); daily fee for dining hall, dorm cabins, staff cabins. Call or write the Womble Office for reservations and fee rates.*

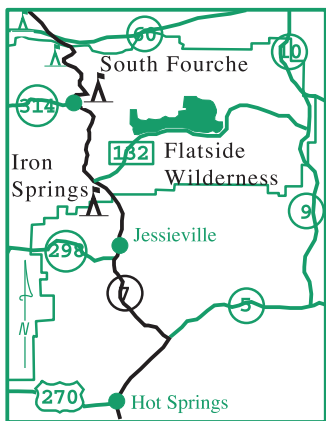
Twenty miles west of Hot Springs, AR on U.S. 270.

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*Clear streams flow abundantly through the Ouachita National Forest.*







### SOUTH FOURCHE:

Convenient roadside campground on picturesque river. Scenic 7 Byway is a popular route for viewing colorful autumn foliage.

*Camping (6 units), picnic shelter, drinking water, vault toilet, fishing, and canoe access to river. U.S. fee area for camping.*

One mile south of Hollis, AR on Arkansas Scenic 7 Byway.

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**IRON SPRINGS:** Wooded roadside setting on stream near historic springs.

*Day use area, picnicking, three shelters, vault toilet, accessible walkway to springs, hiking in area*

On Arkansas Scenic 7 Byway, 4-1/2 miles north of Jessieville, AR.

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**KNOPPERS FORD:** Natural pools in Sugar Creek.

*Camping (6 units), picnicking, swimming, horse-shoe pit, vault toilet, fishing, 3-1/2 mile trail connects to Jack Creek. Equestrian use from October 1-May 1. U.S. fee area.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 23 south from Booneville, AR for 2 miles; turn left (east) on Arkansas Hwy. 116 for 1 mile; then south at sign on paved County Road for 4 miles; then 3 miles south on Forest Service Road 19 (gravel).

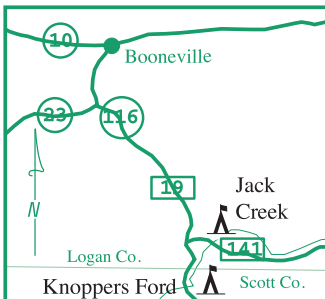
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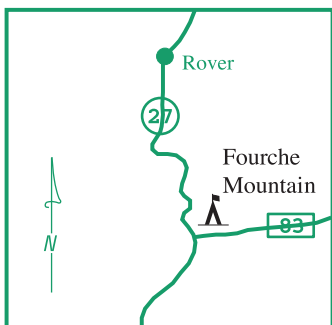
**JACK CREEK:** Natural pool in Sugar Creek, scenic overlooks, rugged rock bluffs.

*Camping (5 units), picnicking, swimming, horse-shoe pit, accessible vault toilet, picnic shelter, fishing, 1/2 mile scenic loop trail, 4 mile trail connects to Dry Creek Wilderness, 3-1/2 mile trail connects to Knoppers Ford.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 23 south from Booneville, AR for 2 miles; turn left (east) on Arkansas Hwy. 116 for 1 mile; then south at sign on paved County Road for 4 miles; then 1 mile south on Forest Service Road 19; turn left (east) on Forest Service Road 141 for 1 mile.

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## FOURCHE MOUNTAIN:

Scenic view from mountain-top.

*Camping (5 units),  
picnicking, vault toilet.*

On Arkansas Hwy. 27, 5 miles  
south of Rover, AR.

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## LAKE SYLVIA:

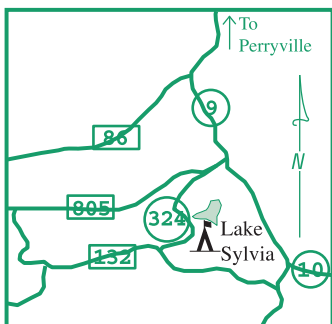
Beautiful 18-acre lake nestled in  
the mountains.

*Camping (27 units plus  
group facilities), swimming,  
picnicking, accessible flush  
toilet, drinking water, dump  
station, showers, fishing,  
hiking, amphitheater, 2  
interpretive trails  
(1 accessible). No motors al-  
lowed on lake.*

*U.S. fee area.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 9 south from  
Perryville, AR for 9 miles; turn  
right (southwest) at sign on Ar-  
kansas Hwy. 324 for 4 miles.

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*Lake Sylvia nestled beneath  
the scenic peaks of the Oua-  
chita Mountains.*



## LITTLE MISSOURI FALLS:

Forested picnic area, with trail leading to waterfall overlook.

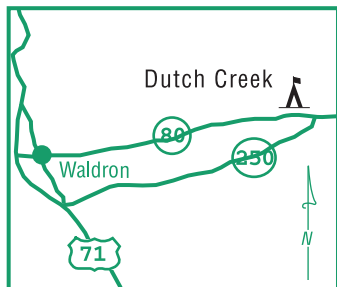
*Picnicking (6 units--2 being accessible), hiking, vault toilet, fishing, trailhead for Little Missouri and Eagle Rock Loop Trails. Trail downstream to Albert Pike Recreation Area (6.2 miles).*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 84 west of Glenwood, AR; turn north on Arkansas Hwy. 369 at Langley, AR for 6 miles; continue north 3 miles on Forest Service Road 73 to Forest Service Road 43; turn left (northwest) 4 miles to Forest Service Road 25; turn left (west) for 1/2 mile to Forest Service Road 539.

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*The splendor of falling water awaits visitors at Little Missouri Falls.*



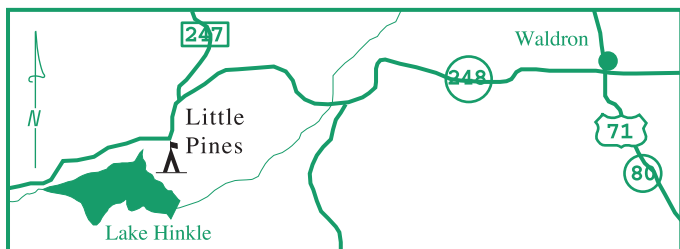
## DUTCH CREEK:

Site of Historic Dutch Creek Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

*Picnicking, accessible vault toilet, picnic shelter.*

On Arkansas Hwy. 80, 13 miles east of Waldron, AR.

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**LITTLE PINES:** Peaceful setting on beautiful 1,000-acre lake.

Lake Hinkle is managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

*Camping-9 units all with water and electric hook-ups, flush toilet, drinking water, swimming, showers, picnic shelter, hiking, boat launching, dump station, accessible fishing pier and vault toilet. No skiing allowed on the lake. U.S. fee area.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 248 west from Waldron, AR, 11-1/2 miles.

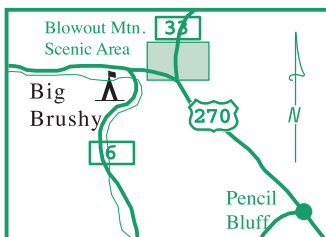
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**BIG BRUSHY:** Attractive wooded setting on stream bank.

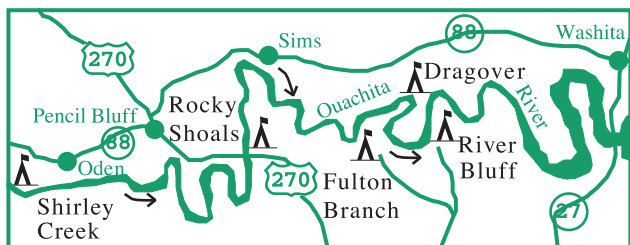
*Camping (9 units, 6 accessible), accessible picnic shelter, play-ground, vault toilet, fishing, loop trail, and access to Ouachita National Recreation Trail.*

Six miles northwest of Pencil Bluff, AR on U.S. 270.

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*Scenic streams offer excellent fishing.*



**OUACHITA RIVER FLOAT TRIP:** The beautiful Ouachita River carries floaters easterly for a total of 45 miles. Tumbling through narrows and rapids at the float trip's beginning (near Pine Ridge, AR), it gradually slows to meander past massive rock bluffs at the lower end at Lake Ouachita. Five float camps with canoe access are available. Average floating speed is 1 mile per hour, varying with depth and season. Good bass, bream, catfish and walleye fishing.

### **SHIRLEY CREEK:**

Float camp on Ouachita River.

*Camping (6 units), picnicking, vault toilet, float fishing, canoe access.*

Exit U.S. 270 at Pencil Bluff to State Hwy. 88, west 1 mile past the Oden Ranger Station, turn left on County Road 7991 for 1/2 mile.

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### **DRAGOVER:**

Float camp on Ouachita River.

*Camping (7 units), picnicking, accessible vault toilet, float fishing, canoe access.*

From Pencil Bluff, AR take Arkansas Hwy. 88 east for 7 miles; turn south on County Road 97 for 1 mile.

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### **ROCKY SHOALS:**

Float camp on Ouachita River.

*Camping (5 units), picnicking, vault toilet, float fishing, canoe access, hiking.*

Take U.S. 270 northwest from Mt. Ida, AR for 6 miles; turn right (north) just before crossing the Ouachita River Bridge (east side of river).

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### **RIVER BLUFF:**

Float camp on Ouachita River.

*Camping (5 units), picnicking, vault toilet, float fishing, canoe access, hiking.*

From Mount Ida, AR; turn right (north) on Arkansas Hwy. 27 for 1/2 mile; turn left (northwest) on County Road 59 for 3-1/2 miles to Forest Service Road 138; turn left (north) for 2-1/2 miles.

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### **FULTON BRANCH:**

Float camp on Ouachita River.

*Camping (5 units), picnicking, vault toilet, float fishing, canoe access, hiking.*

Take U.S. 270 northwest from Mt. Ida, AR for 4-1/2 miles to Arkansas Hwy. 298; turn right (north) for 1/2 mile to Forest Service Road 568; turn right (east) for 1-1/2 miles to Forest Service Road 1437.

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*Enjoy beautiful scenery on the Ouachita River.*

### WOLF PEN GAP ATV/OHV TRAIL:

35 miles of loop trails to accommodate all-terrain-vehicles, mountain bike riders, and hikers.

From Mena, take Arkansas Hwy. 8 east for 1 mile to Arkansas Hwy. 375; then south 8 miles to the trailhead near County Road 277. Additional trailheads are farther south on Arkansas Hwy. 375 and north on Forest Road 38.

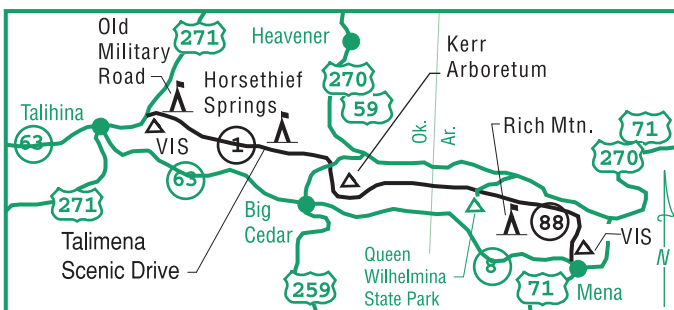
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### SCENIC 7 BYWAY:

Distinctive mountain scenery continuously surrounds you on this national forest scenic byway located on the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests. The byway is especially noted for its exquisite fall colors. Special landmarks along the portion of the byway on the Ouachita National Forest include: Nimrod Reservoir, Flatside Wilderness, the Ouachita National Recreation Trail, Jessieville Civilian Conservation Camp, Hollis Civilian Conservation Camp and many stream crossings including the Fourche LaFave River.

### TALIMENA SCENIC DRIVE:

This road offers breathtaking panoramas of the east-west ranges of the Ouachita Mountains. This curving drive winds 54 miles west along the spine of Rich Mountain and Winding Stair Mountain. Between Mena, AR, and Talihina, OK, the drive offers scenic vistas, historical sites, camping, picnicking, hiking, Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Visitor Information Stations, and Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum and Nature Center and Botanical Area.



*Picnic shelter at Rich Mountain.*

### RICH MOUNTAIN:

Breathtaking view from the highest point (2,681 feet) on the Ouachita National Forest. The lookout tower is open to the public, weather permitting, weekends from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day.

*Picnicking (5 units), lookout tower site, vault toilet.*

Take Arkansas Hwy. 88 - 10 miles west of Mena, AR on Talimena Scenic Byway.

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## OKLAHOMA AREAS

*The Kerr Nature Center offers a variety of information to visitors.*



### OLD MILITARY ROAD:

Historic old road and picnic area on Talimena Scenic Drive.

*Accessible picnicking (two units), picnic shelter, vault toilet, interpretive trail, national historic site.*

Take Oklahoma Hwy. 1 from junction with U.S. 271, 1 mile (east) on the Talimena Scenic Byway.

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### ROBERT S. KERR MEMORIAL ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER AND BOTANICAL AREA:

The interpretive complex serves as an outdoor laboratory designed to educate and inform visitors of their environment. The Nature Center, adjacent to the Talimena Drive, features an exhibit pavilion, and self-guided trails that interpret the natural world of the forest. The botanical area consists of 8,026 acres, managed to protect and encourage rare and endangered diverse plant and animal species.

*Exhibits, flush toilet, drinking water, three interpretive trails.*

Take Oklahoma Hwy. 1 from junction with U.S. 259, 2 miles (east) on the Talimena Scenic Byway.

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### HORSETHIEF SPRINGS:

Historic spring and picnic area on Talimena Scenic Drive.

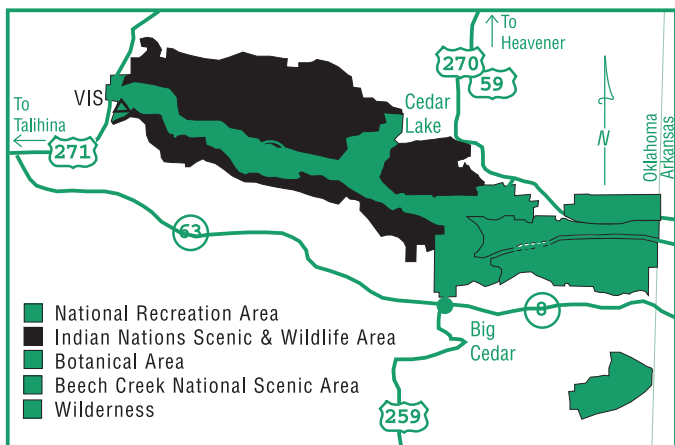
*Picnicking (6 units, 2 accessible), accessible vault toilet, interpretive trail.*

Take Oklahoma Hwy. 1 from junction with U.S. 259, 6 miles (west) on the Talimena Scenic Byway.

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*Talimena Scenic Drive offers spectacular views.*



## WINDING STAIR MOUNTAIN NATIONAL

**RECREATION AREA:** The 26,445-acre National Recreation Area encompasses Talimena Scenic Drive in Oklahoma, Talimena Drive Visitor Information Station, Old Military Road, Horsethief Springs, Winding Stair Campground, Cedar Lake Campground and Cedar Lake Equestrian Camp, and Pipe Springs.

*Hiking, camping, picnicking, fishing, horseback riding, hunting.*

Located along Oklahoma Hwy. 1 (Talimena Scenic Drive) and portion of U.S Hwy. 259 from Page, OK to Big Cedar, OK.

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## INDIAN NATIONS NATIONAL SCENIC AND

**WILDLIFE AREA:** 41,051 acres rich in diverse animal species, includes the Homer L. Johnson Wildlife Management Area and a 15-acre fishing lake on top of Post Mountain.

*Hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, primitive camping.*

Take U.S. Hwy. 270/59 south of Heavener, OK 11 miles, then right (west) on Holson Valley Road.

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## BEECH CREEK NATIONAL SCENIC AREA AND

**BOTANICAL AREA:** The 7,500-acre scenic area is known for its beautiful old beech trees, other middle-aged to mature trees and vegetation. Enjoy 32 miles of interconnecting hiking trails through different ecosystems along the headwaters of Beech Creek. Within this scenic area is a special zone, the 400-acre Beech Creek Botanical Area. An old forest road winds through the Scenic Area, providing hiking opportunities to view the scenic beauty. The gravel access road to this area is narrow; visitors should drive with caution.

Take Oklahoma Hwy. 63 east from Big Cedar, OK for 6 miles, turn right (south) on Forest Service Road 6026 for 5 miles.

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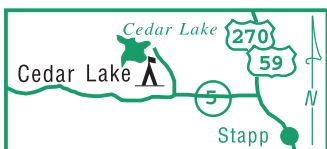
**CEDAR LAKE:** On the shore of 90-acre Cedar Lake.

*Camping (77 units, 43 units with electric and water, 10 with sewer hookups, 4 accessible, plus group facilities), accessible flush toilet, bathhouse, and drinking water hydrants, picnic shelter, swimming, hiking, boat ramp, interpretive trail, fishing, play-ground equipment, fishing pier, sand volleyball court, and trailer dump station. Motors larger than 7-1/2 horsepower are not allowed on lake. U.S. fee area. Call 1-877-444-6777 for reservations.*

Take U.S. 270-59 south from Heavener, OK for 10 miles; turn right (west) on Holson Valley Road for 3 miles; then right (north) on Forest Service Road 7269 for 1 mile.

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*A peaceful scene on beautiful Cedar Lake.*



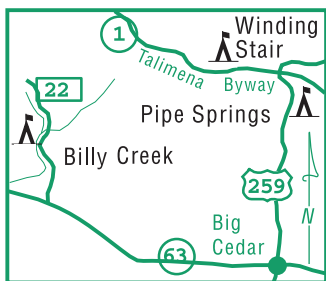
**CEDAR LAKE EQUESTRIAN CAMP:** Over 80 miles of loop trails begin at the campground and traverse through the Ouachita Mountains.

*Facilities include 48 units with water/electric hookups (5 accessible), 9 sites with central water, 100 primitive campsites including overflow and a trailer dump station, trailer/tent camping, hitching posts, accessible mounting stand, flush toilet, hot showers.*

See directions to Cedar Lake; follow signs to Cedar Lake Recreation Area.

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**BILLY CREEK:** Natural pool in attractive stream. Hiking trail begins at campground and climbs to top of mountain and loops back, for a total of 7-1/2 miles.

*Camping (11 units),  
picnicking, accessible  
vault toilet, drinking  
water, fishing, picnic  
shelter.*

Take Oklahoma Hwy. 63 west from Big Cedar, OK for 6 miles; turn right (north) at sign on Forest Service Road 6022 for 2 miles.

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### WINDING STAIR:

Mountain-top camping area adjacent to Talimena Scenic Drive, a 2-mile hiking loop from camp and access to Ouachita National Recreation Trail.

*Camping (27 units),  
picnicking, vault toilet,  
drinking water.*

Take U.S. 259 north from Big Cedar, OK for 5 miles; turn left (west) on Oklahoma Hwy. 1 for 3 miles on the Talimena Scenic Byway.

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**PIPE SPRINGS:** Old spring.

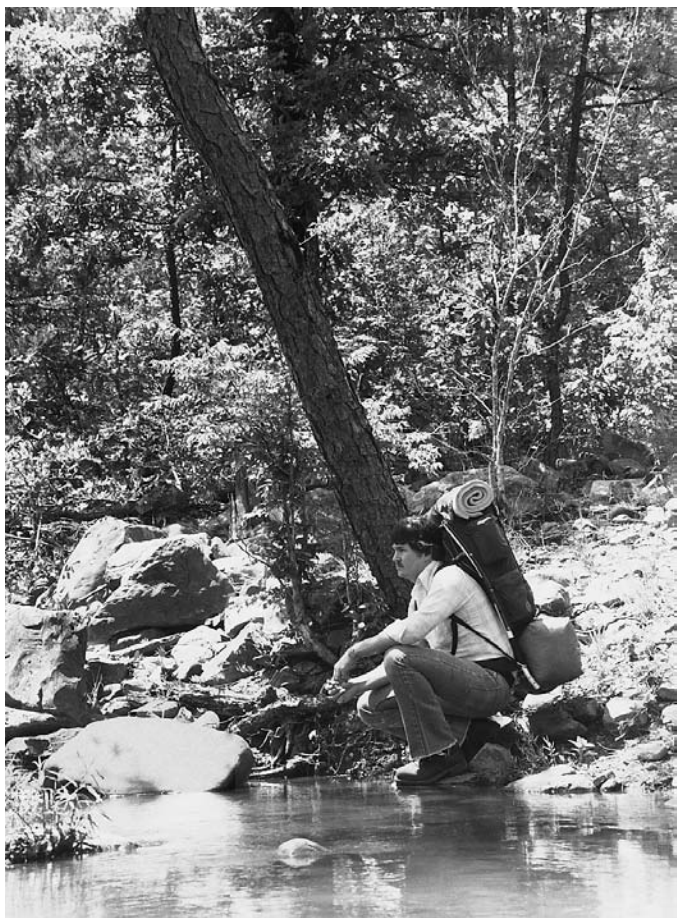
*Picnicking (5 units),  
vault toilet.*

Take U.S. 259 from junction with Oklahoma Hwy. 1, 1-1/2 miles (south).

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*Picnicking is one of the most popular uses of the national forests.*



*With six designated wildernesses, there's plenty of room to enjoy hiking and experience the solitude.*

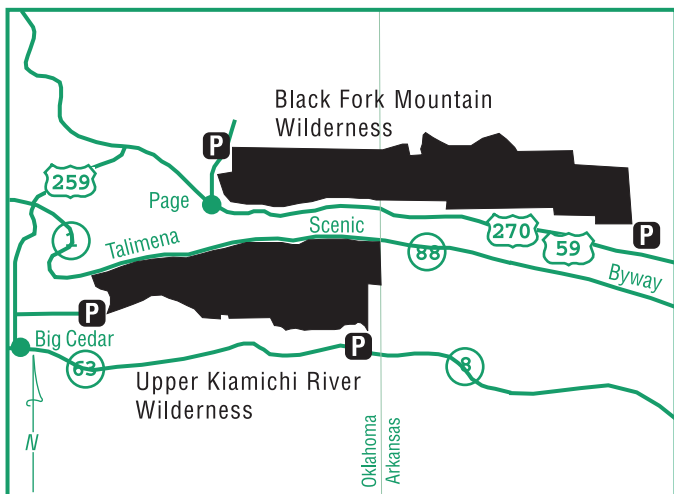
## **WILDERNESS:**

Six designated wildernesses offer special opportunities to enjoy solitude or a primitive, unconfined type of recreation. No developed recreation facilities are found here and there are few, if any, signs to guide you. Mountain bikes, hang gliders, and motorized vehicles are not permitted.

Visitors willing to travel these rugged areas by foot or horseback will find a variety of settings in which to explore, discover, and enjoy the solitude, scenic beauty, inspiration, primitive recreation, and natural ecosystems found here.

You can help protect and preserve the unique wilderness characteristics for the enjoyment of this and future generations by practicing the no-trace ethic, "tread lightly" and remember to "PACK IT IN AND PACK IT OUT."





### UPPER KIAMICHI RIVER WILDERNESS (OKLAHOMA):

10,819 acres featuring prominent steeply sloped ridges heavily forested with a variety of species.

Drive 1 mile north of Big Cedar, OK, on U.S. Hwy 259; turn right on Forest Road 6032 for 3 miles.

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### BLACK FORK MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

With 5,149 acres in Oklahoma and 8,430 acres in Arkansas, the wilderness features Black Fork Mountain, a steeply sloped ridge with numerous rock flows, rugged terrain, scenic overlooks, and diverse shrub and tree species.

In Oklahoma, drive 2 miles north of Page on County Road 1040.

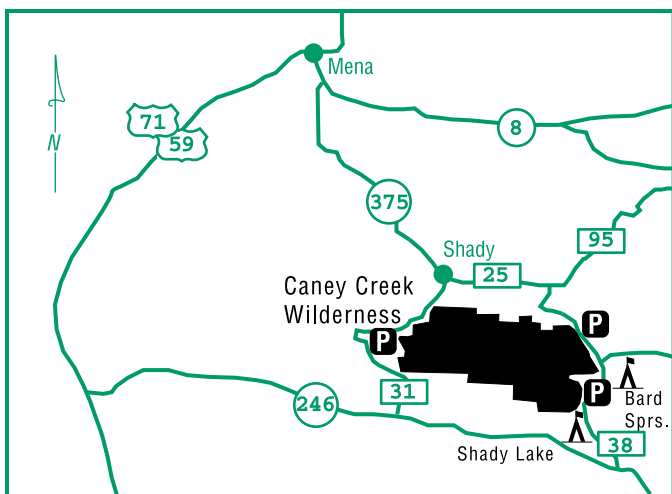
In Arkansas, drive 6 miles north of Mena on U.S. 71, turn left (west) on U.S. 270 for 7 miles to trailhead.

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*A view of Forked Mountain within Flatside Wilderness.*





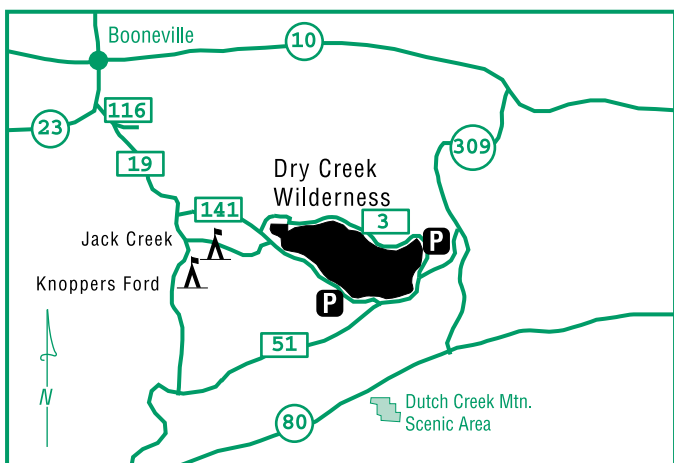


### **CANEY CREEK WILDERNESS (ARKANSAS):**

14,460 acres featuring secluded forest scenic overlooks, flowing streams, and hiking trails.

Drive 19 miles south of Mena, AR, on U.S. 59 and 71, turn left (east) on Arkansas Hwy. 246 for 17 miles, turn left (north) on Forest Road 38 for 6 miles to east trailhead.

**MENA RANGER DISTRICT**

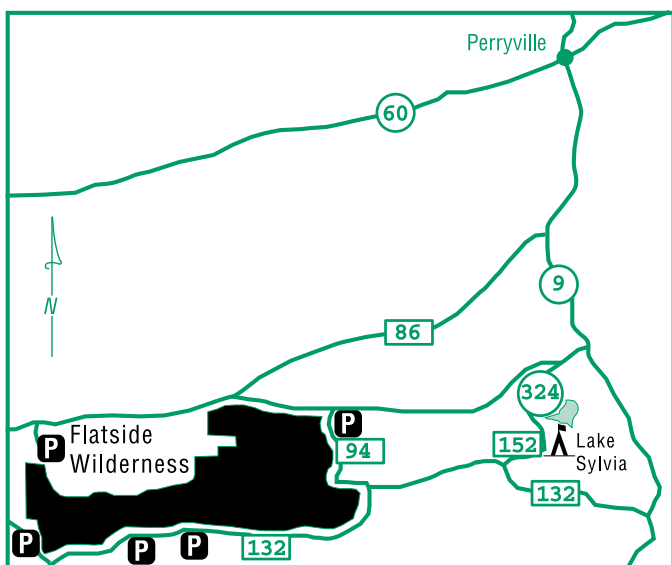


### **DRY CREEK WILDERNESS (ARKANSAS):**

6,310 acres featuring secluded forest, scenic overlooks, seasonal flowing stream, and sandstone bluffs.

From the junction of Arkansas Hwy. 10 and 23, go east for 17 miles on Arkansas Hwy. 10, turn right (south) on Arkansas Hwy. 309 for 5 miles, continue (south) on Forest Road 18 for 3.9 miles, turn right (west) on Forest Road 3 for 4 miles to wilderness boundary.

**COLD SPRINGS RANGER DISTRICT**

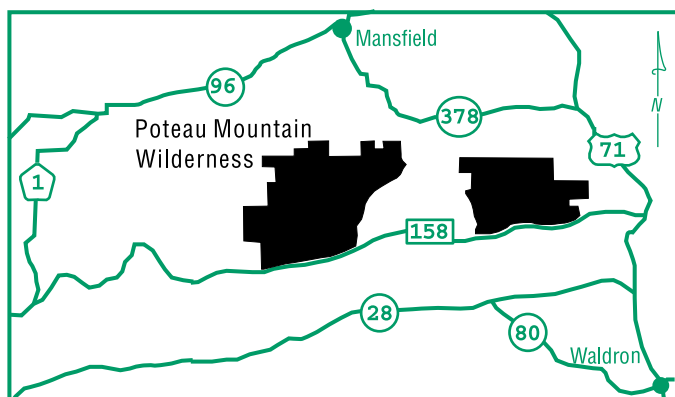


### FLATSIDE WILDERNESS (ARKANSAS):

9,507 acres featuring small creeks, panoramic views, rugged terrain, and a section of the Ouachita National Recreation Trail.

From the junction of Arkansas Hwy. 9 and 60 at Perryville, AR, go south 13.6 miles on Arkansas Hwy. 9, then right (west) on Forest Road 132 for 8.3 miles, turn right (north) on Forest Road 94 for 3 miles to Flatside Pinnacle.

WINONA RANGER DISTRICT



### POTEAU MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (ARKANSAS):

11,299 acres featuring rock outcrops, scenic overlooks, streams, and secluded forest. The area between the two segments of Poteau Mountain Wilderness is managed as a special area very similar to wilderness, except motor vehicles are permitted.

From the junction of Arkansas Hwy. 80 and U.S. 71, go north on U.S. 71 for 6 miles, turn left (west) on Forest Road 158 for 2 miles to the southern boundary.

POTEAU RANGER DISTRICT

## General Recreation-Use Regulations

The rules in national forest recreation areas are to ensure your protection and maximum pleasure. By observing these regulations, you and your camping neighbors will enjoy the peace and serenity of the forest environment.

1. In developed recreation areas, tents or trailers may be placed only in the sites provided.
2. Campsites must be occupied the first night you arrive; do not leave a campsite unoccupied for more than 24 hours.
3. Areas designated for day use as picnic sites and swimming areas, and certain special posted areas, cannot be used for camping.
4. The maximum length of stay is 14 consecutive days within any 30-day period.
5. Only campers are permitted inside the campgrounds at night.
6. Fires can be set up only in stoves, grills, fireplaces, and fire rings.
7. Recreation area facilities and vegetation need your help to preserve and protect them for other users.

## Good Neighbor Camping at Developed Sites

1. Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.
2. Use containers provided for garbage.
3. Use recycling bins, if provided; follow instructions on each bin.
4. Put nothing in the toilets that might damage or clog them.
5. Keep your pets quiet and on a leash.
6. Please adhere to the quiet time of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
7. Keep radios, TV's, or musical instruments at a low volume.
8. Shooting and fireworks are prohibited.
9. Observe speed limits and drive carefully. Keep all vehicles on roads and spurs, and park only in areas provided within the area.
10. Please ensure that only the designated number of people use a camp or picnic site.
11. Place camping equipment in the campsite immediately after registration. Placing camping equipment or personal items merely to hold or reserve sites is prohibited; campsites must be actively and continuously occupied from the time of registration to the day of departure.

## Good Neighbor Water Sports

1. Keep glass away from beach and swimming areas.
2. Keep pets away from beaches and swimming areas. Licensed service animals are allowed in all areas (example: seeing-eye, hearing-ear or mobility-aided animals).
3. Motorboat operators, please obey the 5-mph speed limit when within 150 feet of swimmers, other boats, and boat landings. Motors should have adequate devices to prevent unnecessary noise.

## Hiking and Primitive Camping

Have fun, but go prepared.

1. Be sure that you have a good lightweight rain outfit, a lightweight tent, a small first-aid kit, a warm sleeping bag in winter months, a reliable way to start a fire, an accurate map and compass, and sufficient food and water to last during your trip.
2. Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. It's a good idea to leave your name and vital information at the nearest Forest Service office. Last, but not least, obtain the latest weather information before setting out.
3. Please carry out what you take in. Buried trash may be dug up and scattered by animals in the forest. Bury your body waste in a shallow hole, 4 to 6 inches deep in a location no closer than 100 feet to the nearest water. This way soil organisms will decompose your waste.
4. Don't underestimate the ruggedness of the terrain and the physical exertion it will require. Be aware of the symptoms of heat exhaustion and hypothermia.
5. Bring with you a means to purify water if you intend to use "natural" water for cooking or drinking. You cannot depend on the purity of water in springs, lakes, or streams. During dry periods, you may need to carry water with you. Higher elevations do not have frequent water supply sources during dry weather.
6. Take bug repellent for ticks and insects.

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